

Joseph White House  
1401 10th Street  
First Ward Neighborhood  
Altoona  
Blair County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: 1401 10th Street

Date of Erection: 1883

Description: This two-and-a-half-story house, measuring approximately 21' x 46', is wood frame with novelty siding. The side-gable roof has a cross gable over a hexagonal oriel at the second story. The facade is heavily ornamented: paired brackets at the cornice, fishscale shingles in the gable, heavy lintels over the second-story windows. At the first floor, there is a square window under the oriel, and a one-story porch across the front.

History: This house was built for Joseph White, a machinist, in 1883. White bought the lot for \$850 in 1883; he sold it for \$2,800 in 1886 to Edgar O. Geesey. In 1889, the house (old No. 1411) was acquired by George M. Stewart, a plumber and gas fitter, who lived here with his wife and two children. After his death, his widow Harriet lived here until 1923. She sold it to Harry S. Bartley of the Bartley Lumber Company (lumber dealers, general contractors, and real estate) who owned it until 1942.

Sources: Maps: 1882, 1888. City directories. Tax assessment records. Deed books: 41/539, 51/9, 62/246, 73/420, 77/514, 304/698, 467/407. U.S. Census, 1900.

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